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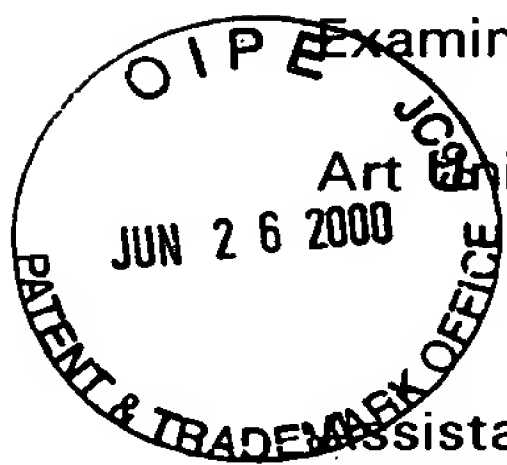
Title: CIRCOVIRUS SEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH PIGLET
WEIGHT LOSS DISEASE (PWD)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during the prosecution of the corresponding French application. A copy of the French Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

An English translation of document A1 is not readily available; however, an English language abstract is provided herewith. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§603).

Document A1, (WIPO 99/18214), relates to porcine circovirus strains isolated from pulmonary and ganglionic specimens derived from livestock suffering from postweaning multisystemic wasting syndrome (PMWS).

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (e) (1) that Documents A2-A10 of this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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